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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFFS MET SEPTEMBER 15 WITH MFA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS 32ND UNGA AGENDA ITEMS AND PRESENT TALKING POINTS (REF A). MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE KOREA, GUAM, PUERTO RICO, THE U.N. BUDGET AND OUTER SPACE COMMITTEES, A WORLD CONFERENCE ON INFLATION, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CANDIDACY FOR 33RD UNGA PRESIDENCY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR AND THE ASSISTANCE MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER MET WITH UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES FONSECA, HIS DEPUTY, BONILLA, AND UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IVARS ON SEPTEMBER 15. THE LATTER TWO WILL BE MEMBERS OF COLOMBIA'S 32ND UNGA DELEGATION.
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3. TALKING POINTS (REF A), MANY OF WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED DURING DALLEY VISIT (REF B), WERE PRESENTED TO COLOMBIANS FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED FURTHER:
A) KOREA: FONSECA ASKED U.S. POSITION ON POSSIBLE ENTRY OF BOTH KOREAS TO U.N., STATING THAT SOUTH KOREANS HAD INFORMED GOC THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY, PENDING REUNIFICATION.

HE HINTED AT GOC ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA, CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL BY MAJOR POWERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED. EMBOFF PROMISED TO SEEK DEPARTMENT'S OPINION AND INFORM MFA.

B) GUAM: RECALLING GOC ABSTENTION ON GUAM RESOLUTION IN 31ST UNGA, EMBOFF OUTLINED U.S. POSITION AND EXPRESSED HOPE GOC COULD BE MORE SUPPORTIVE IF ISSUE RESURFACED. COLOMBIANS WERE NON-COMMITTAL AND INDICATED ABSTENTION WAS BEST THEY COULD DO ON ISSUE. EMBOFF AGAIN URGED COLOMBIANS TO SUPPORT U.S. ON THIS ISSUE.

C) PUERTO RICO: EMBOFF REAFFIRMED U.S. COMMITMENT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. COLOMBIANS AGREED WITH TACTIC OF POSTPONING U.N. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE WHICH EFFECTIVELY KILLS IT FOR ONE YEAR.

D) U.N. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET QUESTIONS: EMBOFF ADVISED COLOMBIANS OF U.S. POSITION ON EXPANSION OF COMMITTEE. COLOMBIANS AGREED WITH IDEA THAT INCREASE NOT EXCEED THREE NEW MEMBERS.

E) U.N. OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: FONSECA REITERATED GOC DESIRE TO HAVE ITS VIEWS AND INTERESTS REPRESENTED ON COMMITTEE WHICH IT FEELS IS GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTORTED, ESPECIALLY IN FAVOR OF EAST EUROPEANS. EMBOFF PRESENTED U.S. POSITION, BUT COLOMBIANS, WHILE PREFERING COMMITTEE NOT BE EXPANDED, SAID THEY STILL MAY SEEK TO CHANGE ITS COMPOSITION. THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT IF COLOMBIA ITSELF COULD NOT BE MEMBER, ECUADOR WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE REPRESENTATIVE.

F) WORLD CONFERENCE ON INFLATION: IVARS MENTIONED STRONG GOC INTEREST IN HOLDING CONFERENCE (UNDER U.N. AUSPICES), FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ WHEN HE ATTENDED CANAL TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON. COLOMBIANS INTEND TO RENEW PROPOSAL IN UNGA.

4. DISCUSSION ENDED ON SUBJECT OF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO'S CANDIDACY FOR 33RD UNGA PRESIDENCY. IVARS, WHO IS HANDLING CAMPAIGN, WAS CONFIDENT LIEVANO WOULD DEFEAT BOTH FACIO AND GARCIA ROBLES. LIEVANO, SHE CLAIMED, WAS GARNERED ELEVEN OF TWENTY-FIVE REGIONAL VOTES - PANAMA, PERU, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, BOLIVIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA.
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